



December 2020

The staff and students of Whitecourt Central School would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

15 days of Christmas - WCS Style

Although we cannot be together this year for a school celebration of Christmas, we do have something special planned for our families. Mrs. Saulit has already started preparation for our WCS 15 days of Christmas! Be sure to watch our website and Facebook for more information.



School Council

- Thank you to everyone who joined our virtual School Council Meeting.
- We are very happy to announce our executive for the 2020-2021 school year:
- Chairperson - Angie Ophus
- Vice Chair - Laureen Holloway
- Secretary - Shereen Trenchard
- Treasurer - Crystal Shields
- Thank you so much for your commitment to WCS!!!

Christmas Donations

Whitecourt Central School wants to ensure that everyone has a wonderful holiday season so we are supporting the Whitecourt Christmas Hamper.

We will be accepting new, unwrapped toys, stuffies, arts and craft kits, family games, pre-teen books, toques and mittens for the Whitecourt Christmas Hamper this season. **Please no food donations or toiletries.** The Whitecourt Christmas Hamper flyer was sent to families earlier in November by your child's teacher. We ask that all donations be submitted by **Wednesday, December 16th**. Thank you for your support for this important community program.

Our staff contribute to Jeans for Charity every year. This enables the staff to wear jeans on Fridays as long as they have contributed to the fund. All funds collected from this staff fundraiser will be donated to a Whitecourt charity.



November Eagles

- 3L - Andrew P
- 3PR - Tyler F
- 3M - Jaxon G
- 3S - Kylie G
- 3W - Luke M
- 4CH - Raelei S
- 4M - Hayden P
- 4J - Rylan P
- 4D - Madysen M
- 4C - Jayden Z
- 5C - Suzanna R
- 5B - Declan B
- 5L - Alyssa K
- 5CL - Marc R
- 5U - Brienne L





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Ask Dr. Jim

Dr. Jim Canniff is our school psychologist and has been with us for several years. Because he planned the first Amazing Race that we did at the school, created the Mad Scientist Club and Games Club, and regularly visits the classrooms, many of our students have built a good relationship with him. Dr. Jim enjoys his work with students and knows the many challenges that we as parents and school staff face as the children grow and mature as he is the proud father of four adult children. Dr. Jim has a very busy schedule at Central but has offered to be available for parents who may have questions regarding such things as:

- a child's physical development
- emotions and feelings
- behaviour choices
- problem solving strategies
- attention challenges

If you would like to pose questions to Dr. Jim, please contact him at the email address below. Questions will be answered regularly. Questions can be asked anonymously. If there is more than one parent asking the same question, we may generalize the question and answer and place it on our website similar to what we do for our parent questions that are asked of the school.

wcs.djquestions@ngps.ca



Check out Dr. Jim's articles on the website. He offers some great advice and suggestions.

Attendance and Missed Work

This year we are seeing students have to be away from school more when they are not feeling well. Teachers have set up a Google Classroom where work will be posted for those who are away. It will be important for students to complete their work so they stay caught up for when they return to class.



Literacy/Numeracy Practice

Over the holidays a great place to practice both literacy and numeracy is in the kitchen. Reading recipes, following directions and measuring ingredients all give students a chance to see the real application of literacy and numeracy. We all know we want our cookies to taste great!

Gingerbread cookie -
colourbox.com



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